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MassDEP Updates: DARP and Hauler/Generator Enforcement

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DARP

- **Municipalities** meeting criteria exempt from comprehensive inspections for **paper, containers, leaves & yard waste**, *but still* subject to ongoing monitoring
- Policy: Will **NOT** be subject to Hauler/Generator enforcement unless DARP status revoked

FY2007-08 DARP Criteria

- New criteria took effect July 1, 2006
- **Major changes include:**
 - Added cardboard and mixed paper to basic criteria
 - Strengthened basic compost criteria and made 12 curbside collection elective more flexible
 - Added two new electives to Public Education
- Criteria will be in effect through 6/30/08

DARP Qualified Municipalities

- Notification letters to municipalities sent April – July 2006
- Notification to solid waste facilities - July 2006
- See MassDEP web site for list:
 - www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/reduce/assistan1.htm

FY07-08 DARP Communities

- 172 municipalities with DARP status as of September, 2006
- In previous DARP cycle (2001-2006), 290 municipalities
- Several large municipalities working to qualify
- Some chose not to submit DARP application so MSW would be subject to inspections

Impact of Key Criteria

- 3 choices in Public Education and Participation:
 - 1) meet 100 pounds per capita recycling rate for paper, bottles and cans;
 - 2) have a qualified PAYT program; or
 - 3) demonstrate enforcement of mandatory recycling through ordinance, contract language, or bylaw
- 81 municipalities qualified with 100 lbs/capita
- 67 qualified w/PAYT
- 24 qualified w/mandatory recycling

MR Enforcement

- Surge of interest in mandatory recycling
- MassDEP awarded 4 grants for mandatory recycling implementation (Sept/Oct 06)
- Awarded 5 grants in FY06
- Press coverage
- Expecting 5-10 more municipalities to qualify for DARP when mandatory enforcement implemented

What's Next for DARP?

- It's not too late – can still apply for DARP on rolling basis
- Revised DARP list to facilities – Jan 2007
- MassDEP is working individually with communities interested in reapplying

Hauler/Generator Regulatory Basis

- Waste ban regulations: “No person shall dispose, transfer for disposal, or contract for disposal of the restricted material...”

Hauler/Generator Implementation

- Spring 2006 -- Conducted extensive outreach, including:
 - Letters to Solid Waste Facilities and Hauling Companies
 - Handouts for Solid Waste Facilities to provide to hauler/drivers
 - Press release to trade associations of solid waste industry **and** large scale generators
- Updated: “Your Business/Municipality...”

Hauler/Generator Load Observations

20 percent of documented loads of solid waste being disposed at Massachusetts solid waste facilities failed for banned materials as observed by MassDEP inspectors

1/3 of those loads failed for OCC/recyclable paper

Inspectors observed failed loads of solid waste generators from across the spectrum, including: retailers (large and small), distributors, non-profit organizations, and higher education

Hauler/Generator Facility Observations

- Facilities maintenance of records for on-going monitoring and comprehensive inspections is fairly consistent for zero tolerance items, but *not consistent at all* for recyclable items

Hauler Generator Continues

- MassDEP plans to continue routine waste ban inspections

Technical Assistance:

Resources for Commercial Generators

- MassDEP Business Recycling Web Page:
mass.gov/dep/recycle/reduce/assistan.htm.
- Earth911: earth911Business.com
- Recycling Services Directory:
wastecap.org/wastecap/RSD2003/index.asp
- Massachusetts WasteWise:
epa.gov/wastewise

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Any Questions ?



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